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Holding Foreman's Job Open for Father of Slain Girl

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Needs Much Trimming:

City Budget Too Long on One End



CUTE LITTLE NUMBER! . . . Little Laurel Suzanne McLaughlin checked-in at the Torrance Memorial Hospital weighing eight pounds, eight and one-half ounces last Saturday to become the 50,000th patient to be admitted to the community-sponsored hospital. Mother is Mrs. Dorothy Borrell, 840 Strand avenue, Hermosa Beach. Mrs. McLaughlin checked in as patient Number 49,998. The hospital, a non-profit organization, was organized by a grant from Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of the City of Torrance, in 1925. (Herald photo).

School Group Develops Progress Report Form

After considerable study by parents and teachers, a new report card, more individual than previous forms, has been designed and will soon be put before the Torrance Board of Education with the recommendation that the progress report be adopted as the standard form for all elementary schools in Torrance.

In addition to the development of the standard progress report form, this group of local citizens and teachers has recommended the adoption of the following three-point plan of report to parents:

PLAN OUTLINED
1. During the first week of school each teacher will conduct an evening group conference to which all parents will be invited—especially the fathers. At this conference the teacher will explain how the new progress reports will be used, as well as outline phases of instruction which will be taught during the coming year.

2. There will be three reporting periods. One before Thanksgiving, one before Easter, and one near the end of the school year. At least one of the first two reporting periods should be a parent conference, preferably with both parents.

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Ex-Con Boots-in Window; Wants Trip Back to Pen

An ex-convict kicked in a window this week and then turned himself in so he could be sent back to San Quentin.

Discouraged at the way things were going on the outside, William James McNally, 1728 Abalone avenue, booted out the window of Wells' Barber Shop, 1919 West Carson street, and then walked to the Torrance Police Department last Thursday to tell desk officer Joe Miles:

"I just broke a window. I am guilty of malicious mischief and therefore I want to go back to prison."

City Judge Otto B. Willett gave him 30 days in the county's barred window hotel. Parole authorities will send him back to the state's holiday house at San Quentin—as he wished, police surmised.

Whittling Down Sessions Begin On City Budget

City Manager George W. Stevens had real sympathy this week for local housewives.

He is attempting to balance the city's budget and stretch the income to meet the outgo.

Stevens finds a "requested" budget of \$982,000 stacked against an anticipated income of \$840,799—or roughly a difference of \$150,000 on the short side.

The City Council went into the first of a series of sharp-pencil huddles Friday evening to attempt to pare the "requested" budget down to meet the anticipated revenue for the year 1951-52.

Fire, police and street departments rank in one, two and three order in requested operating expenses for the next year.

Since 1952 is an election year, a request of \$12,000 to conduct the councilmanic race in April has been written in the budget.

Smallest request in the budget is an item for \$300 from the Recreation Commission. Recreation itself, however, will take \$42,000 next year.

The bus line will require a subsidy of \$20,000 to maintain present schedules.

It will require a lot of paint and \$8000 to keep the paint department in business in '52.

Civil Defense, a brand new budget item, will require \$6000, claim the budget planners.

The following is the list of requests from the various department heads in the city and the amount they estimate it will

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ELECTION VICTOR . . . John S. Gibson, 48-year-old San Pedro building contractor, upset George Moore, four times elected to the Los Angeles City Council, by a margin of 1041 votes according to complete but semi-official returns yesterday. Gibson will represent the Shoestring Strip as a councilman from the 15th District on the L. A. City Council. He polled 10,535 votes against 9,514 for the 79-year-old incumbent.

The Weather

Cloudy mornings clearing toward afternoon the remainder of the week. Temperature in the low 70's. Good beach weather in the afternoons.



ON LEAVE . . . Leonard Hull, local construction foreman and father of murder victim Patricia Jean Hull, will find his job as carpenter boss on the new Rome Cable factory building waiting for him whenever he is able to return to work. Here he is shown comforting his wife, the mother of the 10-year-old victim, as they left the Orange County Grand Jury room last week.

GE to Build Jet Engine Test 'Lab'

General Electric's aircraft gas turbine division, will erect a concrete building on Lomita boulevard to be used to test jet engines after modification.

It was revealed by company officials this week.

The operational laboratory will be erected on the North side of Lomita boulevard immediately West of the Union Oil Tank farm.

The structure, costing approximately \$15,000, should be ready about July 1, officials said.

San Francisco headquarters of the company said that the facility will be used to test jet engines on a run-up stand after the gas turbines have undergone modifications. No manufacturing will be undertaken at the site. After an operational test the engines will be shipped to jet plane manufacturers in the area, the officials said.

All Elementary Schools to Hold Summer Sessions

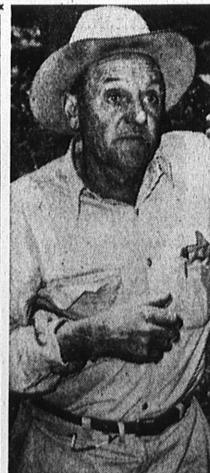
Summer school classes for children from kindergarten to the eighth grade will be conducted at all six Torrance Elementary schools, Walter Reinhold, director of instruction, announced this week.

Class will start on June 18 and will be held weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. until July 27.

All children presently enrolled in school may sign up on the first day for the summer sessions.

There will be no summer school for high school students although the adult education program will continue through out the summer.

Pre-Kindergarten children who



DAZED . . . Frank Hull, local construction worker, leaves the site of the grave which only a short time before contained the body of his granddaughter. He works with his two sons on a Torrance building project as a carpenter. All three of their jobs will be waiting for them when they are ready to return to work.

Adult School Arts, Craft Festival Set for Tonight

A free combined fashion show, square dance and social dancing exhibit, arts and crafts display, and a concert of light classical music will be held at the Torrance High School Auditorium on Thursday night May 31 at 8 o'clock.

Starting at 8 p.m., exhibits on display in the auditorium will include leathercraft, upholstery, woodworking, cabinets, textile painting, ceramics, and cake decorating. Two square dance sets will put on an exhibition to start off the show, followed by a ballroom dancing exhibition under the direction of Charles Bryant, a former Arthur Murray instructor.

The fashion show will feature dresses, suits, and coats made by members of adult classes of Mrs. Laycock, Mrs. Marsh, and Mrs. Holt.

The musical part of the program will be conducted by Abe Milstein and will include Student

Granddad, Uncle Also Have Jobs

Although three Torrance carpenters have been away from their jobs since a week ago Saturday—the day Patricia Jean Hull disappeared, they will find their jobs waiting for them whenever they return.

The trio are Leonard Dale Hull, father of the slain 10-year-old girl; Jack D. Hull, her uncle; and N. Frank Hull, the murdered girl's grandfather—all carpenters employed in building the new addition to the Rome Cable Company on 213th street.

WAS FOREMAN
Leonard, father of the girl whose slaying has rocked the entire country, has been employed by the Lynch Construction Company as a carpenter foreman on the job for the past nine months.

Heading a group of fellow workers who have contributed a sizable sum to be sent to the family is John S. Garland, superintendent of construction of the local building project. For three days after the child's disappearance from her Buena Park home, Garland joined with all-night searching parties hunting for the missing child.

ACCUSED WAITS TRIAL
Jake Nathan, a fellow worker, also joined the search for Patricia Jean, whose accused murderer Henry Ford McCracken is in Orange County jail awaiting trial on a three-charge grand jury indictment.

The slain girl's funeral was witnessed by thousands Monday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Buena Park.

Dies Following Lengthy Illness

Final rites for a 30-year-old Torrance mother who died this week following a lingering illness, will be conducted Saturday morning.

Dead is Mrs. Marie C. Kiecklighter, wife of J. Eugene Kiecklighter, of 23812 Park street and mother of nine-year-old Patricia Kiecklighter. She died Monday evening.

Rosary will be recited for the young mother at the Stone and Myers Chapel Friday evening at 8. Mass will be celebrated at the Nativity Catholic Church Saturday morning at 10.

Her husband, who was formerly a bus driver for the city of Torrance, was inducted with the 40th Infantry Division last fall, but was allowed to remain behind when the unit went to Japan.

The young mother was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turner of 1749 Arlington avenue. She leaves a large host of friends and relatives here and elsewhere in California.

A brother, Robert Turner, lives in Lomita and another brother, Sergeant Charlie Turner, is in Japan with the 40th Division. A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Owell, lives in San Diego.

Her grandmother, Mrs. Martha E. Reeve, and an aunt, Miss Corlissa Reeve, live at 2108 Gramercy avenue. Other aunts and uncles living here include Mrs. William Luetz, Theodore Reeve and Marian Reeve.

Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery will follow Saturday's services.



HEADS STUDENTS . . . Tar-tar Athlete Jack O'Caín has been named the new Student body president of Torrance High School following an election held on campus last week. He defeated Edgar Forcier for the job. Bill Gray will serve as his vice president. (Herald photo).

Attempted Rape Charge Levied Against Painter

A 33-year-old painter and father with a history of several sex offense arrests will have his preliminary hearing today in the Torrance City Court to answer charge of attempted rape of a seven-year-old Perry Elementary School girl.

The suspect, being held in lieu of \$5000 bail in the local jail, is Wesley Harold Gossett, of 17114 Ardath avenue, a father of three daughters.

DENIES CHARGE
Although he has repeatedly denied any implication in the crime, the victim on three occasions, once by photograph and twice in person, identified the man as her attacker.

The victim, a resident of North Torrance, told Detective Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department that the man stopped her on the way to school on May 15, took her to a grassy field, and there attempted to rape her.

A doctor's examination revealed she had been molested.

Captain Ashton, listening to the girl's report of the crime, remembered a man recently arrested by Manhattan Beach for indecent exposure and who answered the description given by the little victim.

A photograph of the man, wearing overalls, acting on a hunch Ashton, the girl's mother and the girl cruised through a new home development at 175th and Glenburn avenue. There the girl spotted her accused attacker working with several other painters. Later, in a complete change of clothing and in a group of half dozen other men, the girl again pointed to the accused as her attacker, according to Captain Ashton.

DISCOVERS PICTURE

Earlier Ashton had left a photograph of the suspect at the home of the girl in a place where she would "accidentally" see the picture. According to Ashton, when she reached for a package of cigarettes for her father she discovered the picture and immediately shouted: "Mommie, mommie, there's the man."

Judge Otto B. Willett, Torrance city judge, will conduct Gossett's preliminary hearing at 2 p.m. today.